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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Escape and Evasion Equipment for Detachment A Pilots

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1. In a discussion with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] the question arose as to on whom the responsibility lay for creating an equipment list for E & E material going in the seat pack. Leo told me that it was his impression that this was being done by someone else. He said that since the decision had been made to sterilize the contents of the seat pack, he did not feel that he could be of material assistance in developing an equipment list, since all of the items he would have access to would be Air Force identified. Before departing from Headquarters for [REDACTED] I had discussed this briefly with [REDACTED] but had not received any definite impression from him as to where the responsibility lay for selecting the E & E equipment.

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2. It was [REDACTED] suggestion, concurred in by [REDACTED], that the best way might be to assemble a varied menu of sterile E & E items, put these on display at a proper location, and let the pilots make their own selection. Thus, one man might prefer a lighter weapon than another and the end result would be an escape kit tailored to his own personal requirements.

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3. I talked to [REDACTED] about this today on the phone and he said that he was taking this matter up with [REDACTED] and that he would discharge the responsibility of seeing that such a kit was properly assembled and displayed. He said that he felt the present kit which is being used at [REDACTED] had some extremely good items therein but he felt that a much wider selection could be brought together. He and I agreed that the place to display this equipment would be at [REDACTED] with the display to take place immediately following their formal training down there, notably on or about 4 May. I told [REDACTED] that I would assume no further responsibility for the kit.

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